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Federal, State and Local Partners Protect Deer Creek Watershed

The project began in 2005 as a local effort to protect Harford County's 86,000 acres of the Deer Creek Watershed. Additional funding from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2010 increased opportunities for conservation planning and outreach to farmers and landowners living near the Maryland Scenic River. Most recently, Trout Unlimited and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources joined the long list of partners who are working to protect and maintain a healthy watershed and protect sensitive species living in Deer Creek.

The attached fact sheet details the many facets of this project including:

- Public and Private, Federal, State and Local partner involvement
- Addressing nutrient reduction goals designated in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL
- Protecting endangered species including the Bog Turtle, Log Perch and the Northern Map Turtle
- "Buffers in a Bag" for stream bank protection
- Individual landowner efforts to protect water quality

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